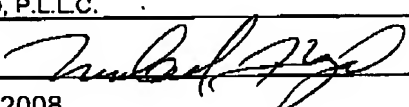
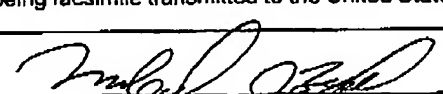


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Dear Sir:

This response is being filed in reply to the office action mailed November 20, 2008.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please enter new claims 35 and 36 as follows into the record of the above identified application.